

in the local schools and later attended the Waymart Academy. For a time he successfully engaged in teaching in Dreher and Clinton townships, Wayne county, but now has charge of the home farm. (3) Francis N. and (4) Lenor M., twins, were born June 2, 1870. Francis completed his education in the Waymart Academy and now assists in the operation of the home farm. Lenor M., after completing her education at the West Chester State Normal School, became a teacher and is now successfully following that profession at Sands Creek, New York.

Reared in the Democratic party, Mr. Rude has always been an earnest advocate of its principles, and has acceptably served in a number of official positions of honor and trust, being postmaster of Farno, Wayne county, overseer of the poor and a member of the election board in his township and treasurer of Mt. Pleasant township. He and his family are prominent and influential members of the Baptist Church, in which his son William is serving as clerk and trustee. As a citizen, Mr. Rude stands ready to discharge every duty devolving upon him, and the best years of his life have been given to the building up and advancement of his native county.

Ridge Farm used to belong to the Norton family.

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"Levi Norton, youngest child of Samuel and Mabel Norton, of Goshen, Connecticut, was born May 13, 1759. At sixteen he entered the Continental army under Putnam, and served until late in the fall of 1779, a period of nearly five years. In 1780 he made a rude cabin under a Chestnut tree between the two lakes, and began clearing the land of his future farm, and studying Dilworth's arithmetic by the blaze of his